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SUBJECT: IRAQI INTEREST IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS

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1. INDIAN EMBOFF NARAIN SHOWED ME JUNE 17 TWO REPORTS PREPARED FOR
GOI BY INDIAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, ONE A SURVEY OF URANIUM
DEPOSITS IN IRAQ AND SECOND ON HOW TWO PROPOSED NUCLEAR POWER REACTOR
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(LAKE THARTHAR AND LAKE RAZAZA) WOULD FIT INTO EXISTING IRAQI POWER
SYSTEM. ALTHOUGH BOTH REPORTS APPEARED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE AND WELL
DONE, THEY APPARENTLY WERE BASED ON FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION AND
DREW FEW CONCLUSIONS. THEIR MAJOR PROPOSALS SEEMED TO STRESS HOW
IRAQ SHOULD PROCEED WITH MORE EXTENSIVE EXPLORATION FOR URANIUM
DEPOSITS AND STUDY OF HOW REACTORS WOULD BE INTEGRATED INTO POWER
GRID.

2. GOI WANTS INDIA TO ASSIST IN CONSTRUCTION OF POWER
REACTORS, BUT NARAIN SAYS INDIA DOES NOT
HAVE CAPABILITY. HE SAID IRAQIS NOW DISCUSSING PURCHASE
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